

# Plane gets the bird

**CANBERRA:** With a shattered windscreen a T.A.A. airliner bound from Sydney to Melbourne made an emergency landing at Canberra last night after having stuck an unidentified object when flying at about 8,000 feet.

It is believed that the plane might have passed through a flock of high-flying swans.

The incident took place about 9.15 p.m. a few minutes after the plane, which was carrying 19 passengers, passed over Canberra.

The pilot radioed a report that he would return to Canberra and disembark his passengers. He landed there shortly before 10 p.m.

Two other machines were diverted to Canberra to take the passengers on to Melbourne.

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There have been several cases in the last few years of aircraft suffering minor damage by striking big birds in flight.

But all these accidents have happened in daylight and generally at fairly low altitudes.

